

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 7 as follows:

Figure 4 shows the electrical connector assembly of Figure 1 in more detail[[.]];

After Page 4, line 7, please insert the following new paragraphs:

Figure 5 is a schematic cross section of the apparatus in a first position; and

Figure 6 is a schematic cross section of the apparatus in a second position.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 4, line 23 as follows:

Figure 2 shows the cradle member 12 in more detail. The main body of the cradle 30 comprises a lower plate 32 with an aperture 34 provided to allow pivotal movement of the connector assembly 18 and a larger opening at the front end to accommodate a lock fitted to the lower tray 14 (see below). The main body 30 further comprises side walls 36 and rear wall 38. The roof of the main body 30 comprises roof side sections 40 and central panel 42 attached to the side panels by bolts 44. Each side wall 36 has an arcuate shaped slot 46 that engages a member of the lower tray 14 (see below) to limit the degree to which this lower member may pivot downwardly. Main body 30 is preferably made of a metallic material; for example steel, and houses a plastic insert member 50 that has a base 52, a rear wall 54 and side walls 56 that are in general dimensioned to fit closely within the main body 30 and are secured therein by bolts/screws 66. Base 52 has an aperture 58 formed from the base and also from surrounding wall 60 so that in use it is aligned with aperture 34 in the main body. In addition to lower guide rails 26, the side walls 56

each have an upper guide rail 62, secured in place by bolts/screws ~~58~~ 66. The lower rear corners of the main body each have a pivot member 16a attached thereto by means of bolts 64 or the like.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 26, as follows:

Referring also to Figures 5 and 6, ~~Connector~~ contactor assembly 18 is located within aperture 58 and surrounding wall 60 of insert member 50. In use, assembly 18 moves upwardly and downwardly through aperture 58 and guide wall 60 as the lower tray is closed and opened respectively. Springs 110 and leaf spring electrodes 112 provide resilience upon contact between the connector 18 and the underside of a portable computer. This ensures that the electrodes are firmly held in place, but that excessive force that might damage the contacting mechanism is avoided. The upper tapered portion of heads 104 engage holes in the base of the portable computer (not shown) and thus ensure general alignment of the connector prior to electrical engagement.